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1. Q. What training did you have in the use of air navigation, pilotage, approach and landing charts?
 - A. All pilots in the Polish Air Force were taught to fly with the aid of a map rather than radio. This training was continuous. Approximately ten hours during the course were devoted to instrument instruction. Approach and landing charts had to be drawn by the individual pilot. A group of pilots were driven in the vicinity of an airfield and upon return had to prepare approach and landing charts. As an aid in preparing these charts the following information had been given: length of runway, obstacles, and direction of runway. Many hours were spent in preparing approach and landing charts. Pilotage charts were studied during courses in navigation. All charts were classified "secret" and target grid charts were classified "top secret".
2. Q. What scales were the air navigation and approach and landing charts which you used? Who published them; about what dates were they; did they seem to be kept up-to-date; how accurate were they; what classification did they carry?
 - A. The charts were drawn up to the following scales:
 - 1 to 500,000 - most extensively used
 - 1 to 1,000,000
 - 1 to 25,000 - used for terrain study.

3. Q. To what extent did Soviets dominate the training in the use of these air and air-facility maps and charts?
- A. Soviets dominated all training. The Polish Air Force closely followed the organization, flying procedures and training of the Soviet Air Force.
4. Q. Are the charts currently in use by the Air Force the same as those used in training? If not, how do they differ in scale and amount of detail shown?
- A. Charts currently used by the Polish Air Force are the same as those used in training.

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5. Q. What organization is responsible for the production of air and air-facility maps and charts?

A. [redacted] these charts are produced by a map service organization within the Polish Air Force.

6. Q. To what extent do the Soviets dictate the specifications for the production of charts currently used?

A. Charts currently used are reproduced from Soviet maps. Specifications for the production of charts were dictated by the Soviets.

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